

REMARKS

At the time the Official Action was mailed, claims 1-12 were pending in the present application. In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 9, 10, and 12, and objected to claims 1-8 and 11. By the present Response, claims 1, 2, 7, and 9, as well as the specification, have been amended without prejudice. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-12 will remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Claims 1-8 were objected to as being inconsistent with the title of the application. The title has been amended to indicate the subject matter recited by the claims more clearly. In light of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's objection regarding the consistency of the title and claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 9-10, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by El-Ghobashy (U.S. Patent No. 6,388,880). Although Applicants do not agree with these rejections, Applicants recognize that the Examiner has indicated that other claims contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance by amending rejected independent claims 1 and 9 as discussed below. Applicants have done so without prejudice, as such subject matter may be included in a subsequent continuing application that addresses the Examiner's rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-8 and 11 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claims 1 and 9 respectively. The Examiner indicated in the Official Action that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

One of the reasons offered by the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter was that one of the sides of the fan tray assembly includes a slot for receiving a fan assembly. While Applicants believe that the claims are patentable without amendment for the subject matter they recite, independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to encompass this additional subject matter the Examiner indicated as allowable. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 9 are allowable for the same reasons indicated in the Official Action, as well as for the additional subject matter recited by each claim. Claim 7 also has been rewritten in independent form, and includes all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 7 is in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, claims 2-6, 8, and 10-12 depend from independent claims 1, 7, and 9 respectively. These dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons provided with respect to independent claims 1, 7, and 9 as well as the subject matter recited by each dependent claim. Consequently, all pending claims are believed in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

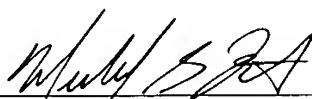
In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

General Authorization for Fee Payments and Extensions of Time

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Furthermore, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025; Order No. NUHP:0101/FLE (200302326-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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